

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action of July 7, 2008. Claims 1 to 17, 19 to 41, 43 to 61, 64 to 76, and 78 to 93, 103, 117, 121, 125, and 126 stand allowed. Claims 18, 42, 62, 63, 77, 97 to 103, 107, 94 to 96, 104 to 106, 108 to 110, 111 to 113, 114 to 116, 118 to 120, and 122 to 124 were previously canceled. Claim 17 has been canceled. Claims 12, 13, 23 to 25, 34, 35, 50, 51, 67 to 69, 79 to 81, and 89 to 91 have been amended. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

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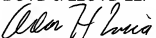
The Office Action rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Office Action indicates that the claim contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertained, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant disagrees with this rejection. Nevertheless, Claim 17 has been canceled to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to seek protection identical or similar to such rejected claim in one or more continuation applications.

The Office Action rejected Claims 12, 13, 23 to 25, 34, 35, 50, 51, 67 to 69, 79 to 81, and 89 to 91 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 12, 13, 23 to 25, 34, 35, 50, 51, 67 to 69, 79 to 81, and 89 to 91 have been amended in accordance with the Office Action's recommendations. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections have been overcome.

An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance and in the absence of more pertinent art such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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